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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97(b) and 1.98, applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 and respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the above-captioned application. A copy of each of the listed documents are enclosed. There is no readily available English language translation for RU 2 056 661 (Reference No. 3). A copy of the patent with the English language abstract is enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement accompanies the filing of a continuation application of United States Patent Application No. 10/792,125 filed on March 3, 2004 which is a continuation application of International Application No. PCT/AT02/00195, filed on July 5,

2002, published in German as International Publication No. WO 03/031100 on April 17, 2003, which claims priority to Austrian Patent Application No. A1585/2001, filed October 8, 2001. The listed documents were either cited in the International Search Report for PCT/AT02/00195, a copy of which is enclosed including an English language translation of the International Preliminary Report.

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This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of the documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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